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- B. Exhibit #5 shows the planned orientation for the rig and associated drilling equipment, reserve pit, pipe racks, turn-around and parking areas. No permanent living facilities are planned.
- C. The reserve pit will be lined with a high-quality plastic sheeting (5-7 mil thickness).

## 10. <u>Plans for Restoration of the Surface:</u>

- A. Upon completion of the proposed operations, if the well is to be abandoned, the caliche will be removed from the location and road and returned to the pit from which it was taken. The pit area, after allowing to dry, will be broken out and leveled. The original top soil will be returned to the entire location which will be leveled and contoured to as nearly the original topography as possible. All trash, garbage and pit lining will be hauled away in order to leave the location in an aesthetically pleasing condition. All pits will be filled and the location leveled within 120 days after abandonment.
- B. The disturbed area will be re-vegetated by re-seeding during the proper growing season with a seed mixture of native grasses as recommended by the BLM.
- C. Three sides of the reserve pit will be fenced prior to and during drilling operations. At the time that the rig is removed, the reserve pit will be fenced on the rig (fourth) side and netted to prevent livestock or wildlife from being entrapped. The fencing and netting will remain in place until the pit area is cleaned up and leveled. No oil will be left on the surface of the fluid in the pit. The entire reserve pit will be netted until the fluid has completely evaporated.
- D. Upon completion of the proposed operations, if the well is completed, the reserve pit area will be treated as outlined above within the same prescribed time. The caliche from any area of the original drillsite not needed for production operations or facilities will be removed and used for construction of thicker pads or firewalls for the tank battery installation. Any additional caliche required for facilities will be obtained from a BLM approved caliche pit. Top soil removed from the drill site will be used to re-contour the pit area and any unused portions of the drill pad to the original natural level and reseeded as per BLM specifications.

## 11. <u>Surface Ownership:</u>

The wellsite and lease is located entirely on Federal surface.

## 12. <u>Other Information:</u>

- A. The area around the well site is grassland and the top soil is sandy. Vegetation is a shinnery oak cover with scattered mesquite, mesquite and grasses.
- B. There is no permanent or live water in the immediate area.
- C. An archaeological study by Don Clifton has been conducted and is included with this application.